

IN THE CLAIMS:

1.-20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously Presented) A coin dispensing apparatus comprising:

a storage hopper for storing coins in bulk;

a selector unit for removing individual coins from the storage hopper;

a carrying handle for the coin dispensing apparatus which includes a middle

5 section which is horizontal to a support surface; and

a coin elevator unit that is removable and is attached to the selector unit for transporting coins to a dispensing position, the coin elevator unit is movable and is attached to the storage hopper to provide a first mode of operation for dispensing coins and a second mode of operation wherein any coins in the coins elevator unit are held stationary and the coin elevator unit is positioned at a different alignment from the first mode of operation relative to the storage hopper, in the second mode of operation, the coin elevator unit has contact with an upper surface of the middle section of the carrying handle, wherein fasteners can secure the coin elevator unit to the carrying handle.

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22. (Previously Presented) The coin dispensing apparatus of Claim 21 wherein the coin elevator unit includes a dispensing side guiding unit and a hopper side guiding unit, and a fixing unit for automatically locking the dispensing side guiding unit to the hopper side guiding unit to provide the first mode of operation.

23. (Previously Presented) The coin dispensing apparatus of Claim 22 wherein the fixing unit includes a spring based fastener member for releasably holding the dispensing side

guiding unit in an operative position with the hopper side guiding unit in the first mode of operation.

24. (Currently Amended) A coin dispensing apparatus comprising:

a storage hopper for storing coins in bulk;

a selector unit for removing individual coins from the storage hopper;

a coin elevator unit for dispensing coins including a hopper side guiding unit and

5 a dispensing side guiding unit which is removably attached to the hopper side guiding unit for transporting coins to a dispensing position, the dispensing side guiding unit is movably attached to the storage hopper to provide a first mode of operation for dispensing coins and a second mode of operation wherein coins are not dispensed and the dispensing side guiding unit is positioned at a different alignment from the first mode of operation relative to the hopper side
10 guiding unit; [[and]]

a handle member is operatively mounted to permit manual lifting of the coin dispensing apparatus for transportation; and

a fixing unit for automatically locking the coin elevator unit in the first mode of operation, includes a first member with a releasable locking unit permanently mounted above the
15 selector unit and a second member with a complementary locking member for operative connection with the releasably locking unit, the second member enables a releasable fastening of the dispensing side guiding unit in the second mode of operation to the handle member and has a U-shaped cross sectional shape that can encompass a portion of the handle member.

25.-26. (Cancelled)

27. (Previously Presented) The coin dispensing apparatus of Claim 24 wherein the second member is pivotally connected to the hopper side guiding unit and in the second mode of operation the dispensing side guiding unit can be moved to be offset from any direct contact with the hopper side guiding unit.

28. (Currently Amended) The coin dispensing apparatus of Claim 26 wherein the ~~removably~~ releasable locking unit is mounted above the pivotable connection to the hopper side guiding unit.

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Currently Amended) The coin dispensing apparatus of Claim ~~[[25]]~~ 24 wherein the fixing unit includes a spring based hook member for engaging a pin member.

31. (Previously Presented) The coin dispensing apparatus of Claim 24 wherein the dispensing side guiding unit includes a housing member and a movable stopper member contained within the housing member for securing any coins in the dispensing side guiding unit when moved to a second mode of operation.

32. (Previously Presented) The coin dispensing apparatus of Claim 31 wherein the movable stopper member is a ball.

33. (Previously Presented) The coin dispensing apparatus of Claim 24 further including a switching unit for detecting when the dispensing side guiding unit is a second mode of operation and a motor for driving the selector unit, the switching unit stops power to the motor in the second mode of operation.

34. (Previously Presented) A guiding device for dispensing discs from a storage hopper comprising:

a disc guiding unit attached to the storage hopper to extend operatively for conveying discs in a first mode of operation and attached to the storage hopper to extend in a second non-operative mode of operation at a different alignment with the storage hopper;

means for providing discs to the disc guiding unit including an electric motor;

a switching unit for detecting when the disc guiding unit is in the second non-operative mode whereby when the disc guiding unit is in the second non-operative mode, the switching unit is OFF, and the electrical motor cannot operate;

a handle member operatively mounted to permit manual lifting of the storage hopper; and

a fixing unit for automatically locking the disc guiding unit when engaged in the first mode of operation and permitting the disc guiding unit to contact the handle member in the second non-operative mode of operation whereby the disc guiding unit can be fastened adjacent the handle for transportation.

35. (Previously Presented) The guiding device of Claim 34 wherein the disc guiding unit includes a hopper side guiding unit and a dispensing side guiding unit, the dispensing side guiding unit is pivotally connected to the hopper side guiding unit by a lever member whereby the dispensing side guiding unit can be offset from the hopper side guiding unit in the second non-operative mode.

36. (Previously Presented) The guiding device of Claim 35 wherein the lever member is U-shaped in cross section and of a dimension to encompass a portion of the handle member.

37. (Previously Presented) The guiding device of Claim 36 further including a hole provided in the lever member and a hole provided in the handle member that aligns in the second non-operative mode and a fastener for securing the handle member and the lever member by extending through the aligned holes.

38. (New) A coin dispensing apparatus comprising:

a storage hopper for storing coins in bulk;

a selector unit for removing individual coins from the storage hopper;

a coin elevator unit for dispensing coins including a hopper side guiding unit and

5 a dispensing side guiding unit which is removably attached to the hopper side guiding unit for transporting coins to a dispensing position, the dispensing side guiding unit is movably attached to the storage hopper to provide a first mode of operation for dispensing coins and a second mode of operation wherein coins are not dispensed and the dispensing side guiding unit is positioned at a different alignment from the first mode of operation relative to the hopper side
10 guiding unit;

a handle member is operatively mounted to permit manual lifting of the coin dispensing apparatus for transportation; and

a fixing unit for automatically locking the coin elevator unit in the first mode of operation includes a spring based hook member for engaging a pin member.

39. (New) The coin dispensing apparatus of Claim 38 wherein the dispensing side guiding unit includes a housing member and a movable stopper member contained within the housing member for securing any coins in the dispensing side guiding unit when moved to a second mode of operation.

40. (New) The coin dispensing apparatus of Claim 39 wherein the movable stopper member is a ball.

41. (New) The coin dispensing apparatus of Claim 38 further including a switching unit for detecting when the dispensing side guiding unit is a second mode of operation and a motor for driving the selector unit, the switching unit stops power to the motor in the second mode of operation.